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Amendments to the Specification:

(1) Prior to page 1, line 4, add the following:

**REFERENCE TO COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING
APPENDIX**

This application includes a computer program listing appendix on compact disc. There is one compact disc submitted in duplicate. The compact disc includes a single file named "appendix.txt," created June 28, 2004. The size of the file is 7 kilobytes. The contents of the computer program listing appendix are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

(2) On page 68, amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A server architecture for a digital rights management system that distributes and protects rights in content. The server architecture includes a retail site which sells content items to consumers, a fulfillment site which provides to consumers the content items sold by the retail site, ~~and an activation site which enables consumer reading devices to use content items having an enhanced level of copy protection.~~ Each retail site is equipped with a URL encryption object, which encrypts, according to a secret symmetric key shared between the retail site and the fulfillment site, information that is needed by the fulfillment site to process an order for content sold by the retail site. Upon selling a content item, the retail site transmits to the purchaser a web page having a link to a URL comprising the address of the fulfillment site and a parameter having the encrypted information. Upon following the link, the fulfillment site downloads the ordered content to the consumer, preparing the content if necessary in accordance with the type of security to be carried with the content. The fulfillment site includes an asynchronous fulfillment pipeline which logs information about processed transactions using a store-and-forward messaging service. The fulfillment site may be implemented as several server devices, each having a cache which stores frequently downloaded content items, in which case the asynchronous fulfillment pipeline may also be used to invalidate the cache if a change is made at one server that affects the cached content items. ~~An activation site provides an activation certificate and a secure repository executable to consumer content rendering devices~~

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~~which enables those content rendering devices to render content having an enhanced level of copy resistance. The activation site “activates” client reading devices in a way that binds them to a persona, and limits the number of devices that may be activated for a particular persona, or the rate at which such devices may be activated for a particular persona.~~

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(3) Delete all text from page 49, line 22 through page 56, line 28.

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(4) After page 49, line 21, add the following paragraph:

The main tag of an XrML license construct is the BODY tag, which contains tags as shown in the computer program listing appendix that has been incorporated by reference herein.